

## Department of Energy

## § 600.502

controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

(d) Encourage contracting with small audit firms or audit firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals which have traditionally audited government programs and, in such cases where this is not possible, assure that these firms are given consideration for audit subcontracting opportunities.

(e) Encourage contracting with consortiums of small audit firms as described in paragraph (a) of this section when a contract is too large for an individual small audit firm or audit firm owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

(f) Use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration in the solicitation and utilization of small audit firms or audit firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

### § 600.417 Reporting.

The Office of the Inspector General, DOE, will report to the Director of OMB on or before March 1, 1987, and annually thereafter on the effectiveness of State and local governments in carrying out the provisions of this subpart. The report will identify each State or local government or Indian tribe that, in the opinion of the agency, is failing to comply with this subpart.

### Subpart F—Eligibility Determination for Certain Financial Assistance Programs—General Statement of Policy

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### § 600.500 Purpose and scope.

This subpart implements section 2306 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. 13525, and sets forth a general statement of policy, including procedures and interpretations, for the guidance of implementing DOE officials in making mandatory pre-award determinations of eligibility for financial

assistance under Titles XX through XXIII of that Act.

### § 600.501 Definitions.

The definitions in § 600.3 of this part, including the definition of the term “financial assistance,” are applicable to this subpart. In addition, as used in this subpart:

*Act* means the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

*Company* means any business entity other than an organization of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. § 501 (c)(3)).

*Covered program* means a program under Titles XX through XXIII of the Act. (A list of covered programs, updated periodically as appropriate, is maintained and published by the Department of Energy.)

*Parent company* means a company that:

(1) Exercises ultimate ownership of the applicant company either directly, by ownership of a majority of that company's voting securities, or indirectly, by control over a majority of that company's voting securities through one or more intermediate subsidiary companies or otherwise, and

(2) Is not itself subject to the ultimate ownership control of another company.

*United States* means the several States, the District of Columbia, and all commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States.

*United States-owned company* means:

(1) A company that has majority ownership by individuals who are citizens of the United States, or

(2) A company organized under the laws of a State that either has no parent company or has a parent company organized under the laws of a State.

*Voting security* has the meaning given the term in the Public Utility Holding Company Act (15 U.S.C. 15b(17)).

### § 600.502 What must DOE determine.

A company shall be eligible to receive an award of financial assistance under a covered program only if DOE finds that—